

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01550-CRC**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/28/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/28/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5562157) filed by Jason Leopold, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons

		Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., Jason Leopold (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/29/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zsb) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Lynn Schafer on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/9/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/9/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/9/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/8/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
08/06/2018	<u>8</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/06/2018	<u>9</u>	RESPONSE re <u>8</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer filed by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by September 8, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/9/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 9/8/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
09/10/2018	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by September 28, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/14/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule or Disclosure due by 9/28/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 09/17/2018)
09/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/28/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Main Document 11 replaced on 10/1/2018) (ztd). (Attachment 1 replaced on 10/1/2018) (ztd). Modified on 10/1/2018 to correct add correct initials of Judge (ztd). (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an updated joint status report by October 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/1/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
10/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/30/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
10/30/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
11/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an updated joint status report by

		November 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/1/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file updated Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>13</u> Motion for Extension of Time. The parties shall file their updated joint status report on or before December 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/29/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/7/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
12/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an updated joint status report by January 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/12/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/18/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
01/16/2019	<u>15</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>15</u> Motion to Stay and Motion for Extension. All deadlines in the case shall be stayed pending renewed funding. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/17/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
02/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the restoration of appropriations, the stay in this case is lifted. The parties shall provide a joint status report on or before February 8, 2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for future proceedings. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/1/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/8/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a further joint status report within thirty (30) days of this order by March 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/13/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/15/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. Attorney Matthew Lynn Schafer terminated. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an updated joint status report by May 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/20/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/15/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>20</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/25/2019)

		03/25/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by July 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 5/15/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/15/2019)